

REMARKS

Claims 43-44 are the only claims pending as of this Preliminary Amendment. In a restriction required during prosecution of the parent application (see the Office Action of March 22, 2000), the Examiner identified these claims as "Group II" claims "drawn to a method of making semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 238." The Examiner further identified these as "Group K" species of claims directed to a "method of passivating a multilayer conductive structure." If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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